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OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Administration)

SUBJECT : EAM Machines at Vital Materials Repository

1. This is in response to your request for information, in which [redacted] is interested, on the need for EAM equipment at the Vital Materials Repository. Here is what we have:

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Type	Annual Rental
Collator (089)	\$2,640
Collator (077)	1,200
Reproducer	1,620
Key Punch	480
Verifier	600
Tabulator	9,600
Sorter	660
Interpreter	1,080
	<u>\$17,880</u>

2. According to our information, there are some 27 card files in the Repository totaling 3,000,000 cards:

Office	Number of Files	Total Cards
OCR	5	1,600,000
OO	9	500,000
DD/I	<u>14</u>	<u>2,100,000</u>
OP/DDS	<u>13</u>	<u>900,000 - ?</u>
Total	27	3,000,000

3. Office of Personnel files cover such data as the language capability of CIA personnel. The OO files are the Contact Division [redacted] OCR files include the index to raw and finished intelligence available at the VMR, the index to materials on reel

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4. Thus to get a definitive answer to [] question, a careful evaluation would have to be made of the need for access to the

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5. Assuming the present situation to be a sound one, our view is that:

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- a. Existing equipment is far short of what would be needed to fulfill needs in the event of a disaster in Washington or under wartime conditions.
 - b. The minimal requirement under peacetime conditions is for one collator at \$100/mo., which machine would be used 60 days/year.
 - c. Middle step is to leave present equipment in, or preferably to increase our capability somewhat by adding an IBM Statistical Selector. This would cost an additional \$245/mo.

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✓ 7. If cost reduction is an objective, a scaling back of much more than a few IBM machines is in order. Under minimal conditions, the plan would be to rely on the assets of others in the general area for use in an emergency. For example, maintain no IBM equipment at the site, but know who had some in towns close by, and plan to fetch same with a truck when the chips are down.

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